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# AKRON RUBBERDUCKS GAME NOTES

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**Akron RubberDucks (14-7)****at Binghamton Rumble Ponies (4-17)***Cleveland Indians Double-A**New York Mets Double-A*

LHP Eli Lingos (2-0, 3.38 ERA)

RHP Tylor Megill (2-0, 2.08 ERA)

LHP Juan Hillman (2-1, 2.53 ERA)

RHP Adam Oller (0-2, 5.68 ERA)

Saturday, May 29, 2021 • Mirabito Stadium • 5:35 p.m. EDT

Games 22-23, Road Games 10-11, Night Games 19-20, Interdivisional Games 16-17

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**Thursday doubleheader: Rumble Ponies 3, RubberDucks 2 (8 innings); Rumble Ponies 8, RubberDucks 7 (7 innings):** Wagner Lagrange hit a walk-off eighth-inning single for a 3-2 victory in Game 1 to give his Binghamton its first win in eight games with Akron, and the Rumble Ponies overcame a 7-1 deficit in Game 2, with third baseman Mark Vientos hitting a seventh-inning walk-off RBI single.

**RubberDucks visit Rumble Ponies:** The RubberDucks are playing the second of two scheduled series this season with the Binghamton Rumble Ponies, with five games at Canal Park May 4-8 – which the RubberDucks swept – and seven (making up for a May 9 postponement) at Mirabito Stadium in Binghamton this week. According to MLB.com, top prospects in this series include: **Indians (MLB.com):** #2 SS Tyler Freeman, #3 C Bo Naylor **Mets (MLB.com):** #8 3B Mark Vientos, #18 RHP Ryley Gilliam, #19 2B/OF Carlos Cortes, #23 RHP Tylor Megill, #24 RHP Oscar De La Cruz, #25 RHP Marcel Renteria

**Unblemished ERA:** RubberDucks reliever **Francisco Pérez** has yet to allow a run through six appearances – 15.0 IP, 3 H, 6 BB, 26 K. Pérez is tied for ninth in the Double-A Northeast in strikeouts.

**Oscar on offense:** Outfielder **Oscar Gonzalez** hit .188 with one home run and nine RBI in his first 29 career Double-A games for the RubberDucks in 2019. But he is leading the 2021 offense with a team-high six home runs (fourth in the Double-A Northeast), 15 RBI (tied for 10th), 41 total bases (tied for third), and .586 SLG (sixth).

**Finding his stride:** Tyler Freeman had his first career five-hit game May 15 and had a team-season-best nine-game hitting streak that ended May 21. He has reached base in all 18 games he has played. In the Double-A Northeast, he ranks third in hits (27) and batting average (.375), fourth in OBP (.444) and seventh in OPS (.958).

**Heating up in a hurry:** Infielder **Andrew Monasterio** began the season with 14 hitless at-bats, but he has 11 hits in his last 27 at-bats – including three-hit games May 14 and 20 – to raise his average to .268 (11-for-41). He has matched his total of three-hit games from 2019 (two in 70 Double-A games), and May 20 was his first three-RBI game since June 21, 2019.

**Alternate site 2021:** Akron's roster includes four players who were at the Indians' alternate site in Columbus in April 2021: pitcher **Nick Mikolajchak**, catchers **Bo Naylor** and **Mike Rivera**, and infielder **Andrew Monasterio**.

## UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS (ALL TIMES EASTERN) – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Sunday, May 30	6:35 p.m.	RHP Thomas Ponticelli (1-1, 2.13 ERA)	at	Binghamton RHP Tony Dibrell (0-1, 3.38 ERA)
Tuesday, June 1	6:35 p.m.	RHP Alex Royalty (1-0, 3.18 ERA)	vs.	Erie TBA
Wednesday, June 2	6:35 p.m.	RHP Shane McCarthy (0-0, 2.60 ERA)	vs.	Erie TBA
Thursday, June 3	6:35 p.m.	TBA	vs.	Erie TBA

**RubberDucks batter Fightin Phils:** The RubberDucks took five of six games at home against Reading May 18-23. Akron outscored Reading 24-1 over the final two games and 39-15 overall in the series, hitting .271 to Reading's .177, and posting a 2.33 ERA to Reading's 6.61. **Juan Hillman** won the first and last games of the series, becoming the first Akron pitcher to work six and seven innings, respectively, this season. **Nick Mikolajchak** saved wins Tuesday and Friday. **Oscar González** had seven hits, including a go-ahead home run in Friday's win. **Will Benson** homered twice in the series, and **Trenton Brooks** had six RBIs.

**Home cooking:** The RubberDucks won their first six home games and are 10-1 at Canal Park. In 2019, the RubberDucks were 30-40 at home – their first losing record at Canal Park since 2014 (32-39).

**A winning start:** The last unbeaten team in Double-A in 2021, Akron started the season 6-0 for the first time since the franchise moved from Canton to Akron before the 1997 season. Akron started 0-6 in 2019. The six-game winning streak was the club's longest since a seven-game streak May 2-8, 2018.

**Who played in 2020?** With the 2020 minor league season canceled, **Tyler Freeman** and **Bo Naylor** participated in the alternate site for Cleveland last year. Left-hander **Joey Cantillo** was acquired in Cleveland's trade of **Mike Clevinger** to San Diego on Aug. 31, 2020, and was at the alternate site for the Padres and Indians last season. Outfielder **Will Benson** played for Team Texas in the independent Constellation Energy League in Sugar Land, Texas.

**First-rounders:** In Naylor (drafted No. 29 overall in 2018) and Benson (No. 14 overall in 2016), the RubberDucks will feature two Indians first-round picks for the first time since 2016, when Clint Frazier (2013) and Bradley Zimmer (2014) teamed up in the outfield during the club's last Eastern League championship season in 2016.

**Limited experience:** Among the 27 RubberDucks entering Opening Day, only six have played as high as Double-A in their careers. All of those appeared for Akron in 2019. Alex Call (81 games) and Oscar González (29) are returning outfielders. 2019 RubberDuck Andrew Monasterio is the only returning infielder, although Trenton Brooks, a 2019 RubberDucks outfielder, will play first base. Ohio State alumnus **Tanner Tully**, the 2019 Akron innings leader (129.1) will be the most experienced member of a pitching staff that otherwise has a total of 10 Double-A innings, all by left-hander Eli Lingos when he made a start and relief appearance for Akron in 2019.

# RUBBERDUCKS STARTING PITCHER - GAME 1

## #15 Eli Lingos...LHP, 5-11, 200, Age 25 (5/21/96), Resides: Phoenix, AZ

Acquired: Selected by the Indians out of Arizona State University in the 22nd round of the June 2018 MLB Draft

Twitter: @elingos15

Instagram: @elingos15

Throws: Fastball, Curveball, Changeup

His 2.53 ERA ranks 10th in the Double-A Northeast.

### Last appearance: Saturday, May 22, vs. Reading (W in 11-0 win)

After his 1-2-3 first inning, Akron scored five runs in the bottom of the inning. Lingos stranded two Fightin Phils baserunners in the second and fourth innings but never allowed a runner to reach third base. After a six-run fourth inning, Lingos had an 11-0 lead for his final inning of work, and right-hander Dakody Clemmer and Juan M6ta each pitched two scoreless innings to secure Akron's second shutout this season – both started by Lingos.

### 2019 Season Highlights

- Lingos' first career start turned into a combined no-hitter. The lefty made a spot start on June 21, 2019 in game two of a doubleheader against West Michigan and worked four perfect innings with five strikeouts. Lake County was one strike away from the first combined perfect game in team history, but a walk and a hit-batsman ended the perfect game bid. It was the fifth no-hitter in Captains history.
- Made two appearances for Akron July 1 and July 6. His second career start was for the RubberDucks in Binghamton on July 6.
- Finished the season with nine straight starts for Lake County.
- As a starter for Lake County, held a 3.86 ERA with 52 K, 10 BB, 5 HR, 1.12 WHIP and .242 opponents' average in 53.2 innings.
- As a reliever for Lake County, had a 3.43 ERA with 43 K, 17 BB, 4 HR, 1.14 WHIP and .207 opponents' average in 44.2 innings.

### 2018:

- Pitched first 12 professional games with the AZL Indians (rookie), going 2-0 with three saves, a 2.61 ERA, and 34 strikeouts with two walks
- Promoted to Mahoning Valley (SS-A) Aug. 17 and went 1-0 with a 4.76 ERA in five games, striking out 13 batters and walking two in 11.1 innings.

### Amateur:

- Pitched four seasons for Arizona State, finished his career 17-18 with a 4.21 ERA.
- As a senior in 2018, he went 7-5 with a 3.83 ERA, throwing a team-high 91 2/3 innings and leading the staff with 72 strikeouts.
- Native of Temecula, California...Graduated from Great Oak (CA) High School.

### Eli Lingos - Pitching - Game Log - 2021 - Regular Season (RubberDucks record in starts: 3-1, Runs/Game: 6.75)

Date	GM #	Team	Opp	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WHIP	AVG	AB	WP	BK	GIDP	TBF	NP-S	Result
5/4/2021	1	AKR	BNG	0	0	3.1	1	0	0	0	0	3.0	4	1	1	0	0	2	0	4	2	0.333	12	0	0	0	14	62 - 41	W, 5-4
5/11/2021	1	AKR	@ERI	1	0	1.13	1	0	0	0	0	5.0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1.13	0.25	16	0	0	0	16	56 - 34	W, 5-0
5/16/2021	1	AKR	@ERI	0	0	5.4	1	0	0	0	0	0.1	3	4	4	0	0	3	0	0	1.8	0.313	4	1	0	0	7	32 - 16	L, 6-7
5/22/2021	1	AKR	REA	1	0	3.38	1	0	0	0	0	5.0	3	0	0	0	2	0	3	1.5	0.265	17	0	0	1	19	75 - 46	W, 11-0	
May				2	0	3.38	4	4	0	0	0	13.1	13	5	5	0	0	7	0	12	1.5	0.265	49	1	0	1	56	225 - 137	
Total		AKR	AA	2	0	3.38	4	4	0	0	0	13.1	13	5	5	0	0	7	0	12	1.5	0.265	49	1	0	1	56	225 - 137	

### Eli Lingos - Pitching - Career - Regular Season

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WHIP	AVG	AB	WP	BK	GIDP	TBF	NP-S
2018	Minors	2 Teams	3	0	3.38	17	0	0	0	3	32	31	13	12	1	1	4	0	47	1.09	0.244	127	3	0	0	132	168 - 114
2018	ROK	IND1	2	0	2.61	12	0	0	0	3	20.2	19	7	6	1	1	2	0	34	1.02	0.232	82	1	0	0	85	N/A - N/A
2018	A(Short)	MV	1	0	4.76	5	0	0	0	0	11.1	12	6	6	0	0	2	0	13	1.24	0.267	45	2	0	0	47	168 - 114
2019	Minors	2 Teams	3	5	3.99	32	11	0	0	1	108.1	93	53	48	11	0	31	0	99	1.14	0.227	409	8	0	9	444	1615 - 1030
2019	A(Full)	LC	3	4	3.66	30	10	0	0	1	98.1	84	44	40	9	0	27	0	95	1.13	0.226	371	8	0	8	402	1475 - 940
2019	AA	AKR	0	1	7.2	2	1	0	0	0	10	9	9	8	2	0	4	0	4	1.3	0.237	38	0	0	1	42	140 - 90
2021	AA	AKR	2	0	3.38	4	4	0	0	0	13.1	13	5	5	0	0	7	0	12	1.5	0.265	49	1	0	1	56	225 - 137
Career	AA	Multiple	2	1	5.01	6	5	0	0	0	23.1	22	14	13	2	0	11	0	16	1.41	0.253	87	1	0	2	98	365 - 227
Career	A(Full)	Multiple	3	4	3.66	30	10	0	0	1	98.1	84	44	40	9	0	27	0	95	1.13	0.226	371	8	0	8	402	1475 - 940
Career	A(Short)	Multiple	1	0	4.76	5	0	0	0	0	11.1	12	6	6	0	0	2	0	13	1.24	0.267	45	2	0	0	47	168 - 114
Career	ROK	Multiple	2	0	2.61	12	0	0	0	3	20.2	19	7	6	1	1	2	0	34	1.02	0.232	82	1	0	0	85	N/A - N/A
Career	Minors	Multiple	8	5	3.81	53	15	0	0	4	153.2	137	71	65	12	1	42	0	158	1.16	0.234	585	12	0	10	632	2008 - 1281

Highs	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK	TBF	NP
Season	5.0 (Multiple)	4 (5/4vBNG)	4 (5/16@ERI)	4 (5/16@ERI)	0	0	3 (5/16@ERI)	0	5 (5/11@ERI)	1 (5/16@ERI)	0	19 (5/22vREA)	75 (5/22vREA)
Career	7.2 (8/20/19)	9 (7/29/19)	7 (7/24/19)	6 (7/6/19)	2 (7/6/19)	1 (6/26/18)	3 (4/7/19)	0	10 (7/18/19)	2 (7/24/19)	0	27 (8/20/19)	97 (7/29/19)

# RUBBERDUCKS STARTING PITCHER - GAME 2

## #11 Juan Hillman...LHP, 6-1, 195, Age 24 (5/15/97), Resides: Atlanta, GA

Acquired: Selected by the Indians out of Olympia (FL) High School in the 2nd round of the June 2015 MLB Draft

Twitter: @realjuanhillman

Instagram: @Juanhillman18

Throws: Fastball, Sinker, Changeup, Slider, Curveball

### Last appearance: Sunday, May 23, vs. Reading (W in 13-1 win)

Hillman allowed a walk and double in the first inning but was helped by a relay that cut down a run at home plate. Akron took a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first, and Hillman held it for the remainder of his outing. He allowed a sixth-inning solo home run to Arquimedes Gamboa but got four more runs of support in the bottom of the inning. His seven-inning start was the first by an Akron pitcher this season. Ten runs in the final three home innings built a 13-1 lead, and left-hander Jake Miednik pitched two perfect innings to complete the victory, giving Hillman two wins against the same club in one series.

- Spent some time with the Indians during Spring training alongside fellow RubberDucks pitchers Justin Garza and Dakody Clemmer.
- Closed against the Diamondbacks in Spring Training.

### 2019 Season Highlights

- Mid-season All Star with Lynchburg
- Limited his walks to only 2.63 per 9 innings.
- Finished with a 19-34 record over first three years in full-season baseball, with a 5.04 ERA.

### 2015-18

- Once had a one-hitter with Lake County in 2017 in his seven-inning performance, though his team still lost, 4-0.
- Selected for New York-Penn League All-Star game with Mahoning Valley (Short-Season) in 2016.

### Amateur

- Hillman transferred to Olympia (Fla.) High ahead of his sophomore year and became teammates with Twins 2014 first-rounder Nick Gordon. Gordon's father Tom, a former All-Star closer, became Juan's legal guardian at that time, and he's since played an integral role in the young left-hander's development on the mound. Hillman's mother, Jamila Spann-Williams, had asked Gordon to be Juan's godfather after Nick and Juan had been youth baseball teammates, and Tom Gordon had taken to mentoring Juan.
- Originally was committed to Central Florida in 2015 before signing with the Indians.

### Juan Hillman - Pitching - Game Log - 2021 - Regular Season (RubberDucks record in starts: 3-1, Runs/Game: 5.00)

Date	GM #	Team	Opp	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WHIP	AVG	AB	WP	BK	GIDP	TBF	NP-S	Result
5/5/2021	1	AKR	BNG	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	0.75	0.154	13	0	0	1	16	71 - 42	W, 4-1
5/12/2021	1	AKR	@ERI	0	1	4.32	1	1	0	0	0	4.1	7	4	4	1	0	1	0	5	1.32	0.281	19	0	0	0	20	73 - 45	L, 0-4
5/18/2021	1	AKR	REA	1	0	3.14	1	1	0	0	0	6	4	1	1	1	1	3	0	3	1.26	0.25	20	0	0	1	24	90 - 49	W, 3-1
5/23/2021	1	AKR	REA	1	0	2.53	1	1	0	0	0	7	4	1	1	1	0	4	0	2	1.22	0.224	24	0	0	0	28	86 - 51	W, 13-1
May				2	1	2.53	4	4	0	0	0	21.1	17	6	6	3	3	9	0	12	1.22	0.224	76	0	0	2	88	320 - 187	
Total		AKR	AA	2	1	2.53	4	4	0	0	0	21.1	17	6	6	3	3	9	0	12	1.22	0.224	76	0	0	2	88	320 - 187	

### Juan Hillman - Pitching - Career - Regular Season

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WHIP	AVG	AB	WP	BK	GIDP	TBF	NP-S
2015	ROK	IND	0	2	4.13	8	6	0	0	0	24	26	13	11	0	3	5	0	20	1.29	0.286	91	1	2	0	103	N/A - N/A
2016	A(Short)	MV	3	4	4.43	15	15	0	0	0	63	66	36	31	5	6	24	0	47	1.43	0.268	246	3	1	2	280	1006 - 624
2017	A(Full)	LC	7	10	6.08	26	26	0	0	0	137.2	158	102	93	22	10	48	0	101	1.5	0.29	544	9	2	10	611	2064 - 1266
2018	A(Full)	LC	6	12	5.18	26	26	0	0	0	128.2	140	95	74	7	6	52	0	110	1.49	0.273	513	21	2	6	582	2001 - 1242
2019	A(Adv)	LYN	6	12	3.85	25	25	0	0	0	140.1	147	77	60	10	10	41	0	99	1.34	0.269	546	10	0	15	604	2106 - 1329
2021	AA	AKR	2	1	2.53	4	4	0	0	0	21.1	17	6	6	3	3	9	0	12	1.22	0.224	76	0	0	2	88	320 - 187
Career	AA	Multiple	2	1	2.53	4	4	0	0	0	21.1	17	6	6	3	3	9	0	12	1.22	0.224	76	0	0	2	88	320 - 187
Career	A(Adv)	Multiple	6	12	3.85	25	25	0	0	0	140.1	147	77	60	10	10	41	0	99	1.34	0.269	546	10	0	15	604	2106 - 1329
Career	A(Full)	Multiple	13	22	5.64	52	52	0	0	0	266.1	298	197	167	29	16	100	0	211	1.49	0.282	1057	30	4	16	1193	4065 - 2508
Career	A(Short)	Multiple	3	4	4.43	15	15	0	0	0	63	66	36	31	5	6	24	0	47	1.43	0.268	246	3	1	2	280	1006 - 624
Career	ROK	Multiple	0	2	4.13	8	6	0	0	0	24	26	13	11	0	3	5	0	20	1.29	0.286	91	1	2	0	103	N/A - N/A
Career	Minors	Multiple	24	41	4.81	104	102	0	0	0	515	554	329	275	47	38	179	0	389	1.42	0.275	2016	44	7	35	2268	7497 - 4648

Highs	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK	TBF	NP
Season	7.0 (5/23vREA)	7 (5/12@ERI)	4 (5/12@ERI)	4 (5/12@ERI)	1 (Multiple)	2 (5/5vBNG)	4 (5/23vREA)	0	5 (5/12@ERI)	0	0	28 (5/23vREA)	90 (5/18vREA)
Career	8.0 (Multiple)	14 (7/31/17)	12 (7/31/17)	12 (7/31/17)	3 (Multiple)	2 (Multiple)	4 (Multiple)	0	10 (7/20/19)	3 (7/20/18)	2 (5/20/18)	29 (8/5/17)	94 (7/28/19)

# 2021 RUBBERDUCKS FIELD STAFF

**#24 Rouglas Odor, Manager (Second Season)** – Odor, 53, became the 18th manager in club history when he led the club in 2019. The RubberDucks posted a 61-79 record, good for fifth in the Eastern League Western Division following a 34-35 first half record. Odor has twelve seasons of managerial experience where he has compiled a career record of 422-442 (.488).

When Odor was Akron's hitting coach in 2014, he became the first person to wear the uniforms of the Canton-Akron Indians, Akron Aeros, and Akron RubberDucks. He played 197 games for Canton-Akron during the 1991, 1993-94 seasons, and he was the hitting coach for the Aeros' 2012 Eastern League Championship squad.

The 2021 season is Odor's 34th in the Cleveland organization as a player or coach (21st as a coach). The former shortstop was a 32nd-round draft pick by the Indians in 1988 and played in the minor leagues for the Indians from 1988-94 and for the Milwaukee Brewers organization in 1995. The 2019 season was Odor's first as a manager since 2008. He managed San Felipe in the Venezuelan Summer League (1999-2000), the Burlington Indians (2001-2004), the Mahoning Valley Scrappers (2005-2006), Gulf Coast League Indians (2007-2008). In 2009, Odor began serving as hitting coach for the Kinston Indians (2009-2010), Double-A Akron Aeros (2011-2012), High-A Carolina Mudcats (2013), Double-A Akron RubberDucks (2014), and Triple-A Columbus Clippers (2015-2017).

The Maracaibo, Venezuela, native resides in Winter Haven, Florida, with his wife, Milagros. He has three sons and is the uncle of Texas Rangers infielder Rougned Odor.

**#35 Owen Dew, Pitching Coach (1st Season)** — Owen Dew, 32, makes his first visit to Akron after serving as the pitching coach for the Lake County Captains in the Class-A Midwest league in 2019. Dew began his baseball journey as a right-handed pitcher for Seminole State College of Florida (2008-2009), before moving to the University of Central Florida in 2010, when he was drafted in the 21st round of the 2010 amateur draft by the Cleveland Indians. That same year, Dew advanced through Mahoning Valley with a strong 2.64 ERA in nine starts for the Scrappers. At Class-A Lake County, Dew was converted to a relief pitcher where he appeared in 15 games over the 2010 and 2011 seasons. In Dew's final season as a player, the right hander appeared in 34 games, accruing 70 innings and posted a 3.86 ERA with 41 strikeouts.

Since his playing career, Dew served as an assistant coach at Seminole State College of Florida while also assisting the Cleveland Indians as an associate scout from 2014-2017. Dew was then appointed as a full-time minor league pitching coach within the organization, making stops with the Mahoning Valley (2017), Arizona League Indians 2 (2018), and Lake County Captains (2019). The 2019 Lake County Captains pitching staff posted a team ERA of 3.73 over 1191 innings, good for eighth in the Midwest League.

**#16 Junior Betances, Hitting Coach (First Season)** — Betances, 47, hits Akron for the first time in his 21-year coaching career with the Cleveland Indians organization. After posting a .289 batting average over 165 games in 1998-1999 with the Akron Aeros, Betances joined the coaching ranks in various roles for the Cleveland Indians Dominican Summer League team from 2000-2010. Betances then served as Arizona League Indians coach from 2010-2015, and moved to Lake County in 2017 as the Bench coach for Manager Larry Day. The native of La Vega, Dominican Republic, Betances has developed a wealth of experience in various player development roles within the Indians organization.

**#28 Mike Mergenthaler, Bench Coach (First Season)** — Mergenthaler, 32, moves up the Indians farm system to Akron in 2021, following his 2019 season serving as the Lynchburg Hillcats bench coach for Manager Jim Pankovits. In 2018 and 2019, Mergenthaler worked as a hitting coach for the Cleveland Indians' and Milwaukee Brewers' joint Dominican Super League team. The Thiells, NY, native was drafted as a player in the 32nd round of the 2011 amateur draft by the San Francisco Giants, playing in their system for parts of 2011 and 2012.

**Jake Legan, Athletic Trainer (First Season)** — Legan heads to Akron for the first time in his six-year career with the Cleveland Indians. Legan previously served as the Lynchburg Hillcats' athletic trainer in 2019.

**Scott Nealon, Strength and Conditioning Coach (Second Season, not consecutive)** — Nealon enters his eighth season in the Cleveland Indians organization, returning to the same position he held in 2016 for the RubberDucks Eastern League Championship Series. Nealon was the Triple-A Columbus strength and conditioning coach the last three seasons (2017-2019), including the Clippers' 2019 Governor's Cup championship season. Previously, Nealon served as strength and conditioning coach for the Carolina Mudcats (2013-2014), Lynchburg Hillcats (2015), before he made his way to Double-A Akron. Nealon earned his master's degree in exercise science from Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, Ohio.

Lineup Card (14-7)	Starts By Position
<b>21 Different Batting Orders (Record in parentheses, bold is most common)</b>	<b>P</b> Lingos (3-1), Hillman (3-1), Tully (1-2), Royalty (3-1), McCarthy (3-1), Ponticelli (1-0), Mock (1-0)
1. Kwan (3-0), <b>Freeman (9-6)</b> , Fermín (2-1)	<b>C</b> <b>Naylor (11-4)</b> , Rivera (3-3)
2. Freeman (3-0), <b>Palacios (8-4)</b> , Call (1-1), Monasterio (2-1), Fermín (0-1)	<b>1B</b> <b>Brooks (9-5)</b> , Rolette (5-1), M. González (0-1)
3. <b>Naylor (6-3)</b> , Monasterio (1-0), Call (5-2), Palacios (2-2)	<b>2B</b> <b>Palacios (6-4)</b> , Monasterio (2-0), Fermín (5-0), Freeman (1-1), M. González (0-2)
4. <b>Brooks (11-5)</b> , Call (3-2)	<b>3B</b> Fermín (5-2), M. González (5-2), Monasterio (3-1), Freeman (1-2)
5. Roller (3-1), Monasterio (3-1), Benson (1-0), Naylor (2-0), <b>O. González (4-4)</b> , Call (1-1)	<b>SS</b> <b>Freeman (10-2)</b> , Fermín (2-3), Monasterio (2-2)
6. Palacios (2-0), <b>Benson (5-5)</b> , O. González (3-0), Roller (1-1), Naylor (3-1)	<b>LF</b> O. González (6-0), Roller (3-3), Benson (3-1), Call (1-3), Palacios (1-0)
7. Call (1-0), Benson (4-0), Fermín (4-2), Rolette (1-0), O. González (2-2), Monasterio (0-1), Roller (0-1), M. González (2-0), Rivera (0-1)	<b>CF</b> Kwan (3-0), <b>Call (6-2)</b> , Palacios (3-2), Benson (2-3)
8. O. González (3-0), Rivera (1-2), Fermín (3-0), Monasterio (1-1), M. González (1-2), Rolette (2-0), Benson (3-1), Roller (0-1)	<b>RF</b> Call (2-1), Benson (5-2), <b>O. González (4-4)</b> , Brooks (2-0), Palacios (1-0)
9. Fermín (4-1), <b>M. González (4-3)</b> , Rolette (3-3), Monasterio (1-0), Rivera (2-0)	<b>DH</b> Roller (1-1), Monasterio (1-1), Palacios (1-0), M. González (2-0), <b>O. González (2-2)</b> , Benson (3-0), Rolette (1-2), Call (2-0), Fermín (1-0), Freeman (1-0)

### We Are the RubberDucks

On October 29, 2013, team owner **Ken Bobby** stood before a capacity audience at the Akron Civic Theater and announced that the team would be known henceforth as the **Akron RubberDucks**. In addition to being symbolic of the fun, family-friendly brand of entertainment offered by minor league baseball, the name also honors Akron's long history as the "**Rubber Capital of the World**." Brandiose Marketing of San Diego, California designed the team logo, colors, and various marks and insignias. Please note that for print coverage, *RubberDucks* is spelled as one word with a capital "D." In broadcast coverage, referring to the team as "*the Ducks*" is an acceptable variation of the team's nickname.

**#29 WILL BENSON OF, L/L The Westminster Schools (GA)**

Twitter: @thekidbilly IG: @willybeamin29 2016 (1st rd, #14)

Last (5/27@BNG) 0-3, bi, bb, 2k Streak -2 (0-3, bi, bb, 2k)

Series 2-11, 3r, d, hr, 3bi, 4bb, 4k, sb '21 Long Hit 2 (Multiple)

H-Stand 2-10,5r,2hr,5bi,5bb,10k,sb '21 Long OBS 7 (5/19-26)

'21/Career High: 3/4 H, 2/4 R, 1/3 2B, 1/2 3B, 1/4 HR, 3/8 RBI, 1/3 SB

4-yr MiLB Totals thru '19: 346 g, .212, 60 hr, 199 rbi, 56 sb, .755 ops

- Named "Best Athlete" in Cleveland farm system entering each season 2018-21...Led his club in home runs 2017-19.

- 2020: Spent season on co-op in Constellation Energy League
- 2019: Led Lake County (A) in HR (18), 2nd in RBI (55), 3rd in extra-base hits (33)...MiLB.com Organizational All-Star, MWL Midseason & Postseason All-Star...#20 prospect in MWL...Three-time MWL Player of the Week...5th in Indians organization with 22 HR, 2nd in RBI (78)
- 2018: Named Midwest League Mid-Season All-Star, Home Run Derby runner up...led MWL in home runs (22), 3rd in walks (82), T-9th in games (123)...led Lake County in HR, RBI (58), walks (82), games and runs (54).
- 2017 - Tied for New York-Penn League lead with 10 home runs...led NYPL in HR/AB ratio (1/20.20) and ranked 3rd in RBI (36).

**#13 TRENTON BROOKS OF, L/L University of Nevada**

Twitter: @tbrooks742 IG: @brookssy\_13 2016 (17th round)

Last (5/25@BNG) 1-4, 2bi, bb, k Streak +3 (5-10, 4r, t, hr, 7bi, 5bb, 2k)

Series 1-4, 2bi, bb, k '21 Long Hit 3 (multiple)

H-Stand 6-17,5r,d,t,hr,6bi,10bb,4k,sb '21 Long OBS 7 (5/16-25) - active

'21/Career High: 2/3 H, 1/2 R, 1/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 1/2 HR, 3/5 RBI, 0/1 SB

4-yr MiLB Totals thru '19: 288 g, .252, 18 hr, 124 rbi, 6 sb, .713 ops

- 2019: Played 44 games for Lynchburg (A-Adv), with a .213 average, three home runs and 17 RBI, before a June 4 promotion to Akron...after All-Star Break (July 10), led EL in extra-base hits (30) and doubles (21), tied for most total bases (97), and was second in SLG (.536) and OPS (.884).
- 2018: Finished tied for 3rd in the Carolina League in doubles (28), 7th in batting average (.281, led Lynchburg) and tied for 7th in on-base percentage (.362, led Lynchburg)...tied team RBI lead (52).
- 2017: Began the season with three games for Lynchburg, going 0-for-7... Played 29 games with Lake County (A), hitting .214 with his first career home run and eight RBI, but was on the Injured List June 10-Aug. 31.
- 2016: Began pro career...35 games for AZL Indians (.222, 9 2B, 10 RBI).

**#8 ALEX CALL OF, R/R Ball State University**

Twitter: @ACAD 27 IG: @acad 8 2018 Trade (CHW)

Last (5/27@BNG) 1-3, r, bi, bb Streak +4 (5-13, 2r, hr, 3bi, 2bb, 3k)

Series 5-13, 2r, hr, 3bi, 2bb, 3k '21 Long Hit 6 (5/6-14)

H-Stand 6-19,2d,4r,bi,2bb,k,2sb,hp '21 Long OBS 16 (5/4-27) - active

'21/Career High: 3/4 H, 2/4 R, 1/2 2B, 1/1 3B, 0/2 HR, 2/4 RBI, 1/2 SB

4-yr MiLB totals thru '19: 338 g, .244, 26 hr, 157 rbi, 30 sb, .711 ops

- 2019: Traded from the White Sox for 1B Yonder Alonso on Dec. 14, 2018...Began his season with Akron May 31, when he singled in his first at bat against Erie's Casey Mize and went 3-for-4 with a ninth-inning solo home run...Eastern League Player of the Week June 24-30, EL-high 22 total bases (10-32, double, triple, 3 homers, 5 extra-base hits, 4 runs, 8 RBI).
- 2018: Played 56 games with Winston-Salem (A-Adv), hitting .256 with 5 HR and 28 RBI...Earned first Double-A promotion to Birmingham on June 21 for the second half of the season, when he hit .242 with 7 HR and 30 RBI.
- 2017: Was on Injured List from April 16-July 19 with right rib cage strain.
- 2016: Drafted by the White Sox in the third round of the draft.

**#1 JOSE FERMÍN IF, R/R Puerto Plata, DR**

Twitter: @JoseFermin29 IG: @josefermin29 2014 (20th round)

Last (5/27@BNG) 1-2, 2r, d,2bi,bb,hp Streak +1 (1-2, 2r, d, 2bi, bb, hp)

Series 4-12, 4r, d, t, 2bi, 2bb, k, cs,hp '21 Long Hit 3 (Multiple)

H-Stand 5-22, 2r, 2bi, 3bb, cs '21 Long OBS 8 (5/4-16)

'21/Career High: 3/3 H, 2/3 R, 1/2 2B, 0/2 3B, 0/1 HR, 3/3 RBI, 0/2 SB

4-yr MiLB totals thru '19: 237 g, .272, 9 hr, 89 rbi, 52 sb, .726 ops

- 2019: Led Indians minor leaguers with 28 stolen bases and was 5th in runs scored (75)...Finished 3rd in Midwest League in batting average (.293), 8th in OBP (.374), 4th in runs, and 4th in SB...MiLB.com Organizational All-Star.
- 2018: With Mahoning Valley...Finished 2nd in New York-Penn League in walks (39), 3rd in games played (71), tied for 3rd in hits (70), 4th in stolen bases (17), tied for 4th in runs scored (47), 5th in at-bats (251), 5th in on-base percentage (.391), tied for 6th in triples (4) and 9th in total bases (96).
- 2017: Played 45 games with AZL Indians (rookie): .229 AVG, 1 HR, 14 RBI
- 2016: Played first 16 pro games with DSL Indians: .224 AVG, 0 HR, 8 RBI

**#7 TYLER FREEMAN IF, R/R Etiwanda High School (CA)**

Twitter: @tyler\_freeman34 IG: @tyler\_freeman34 2017 Comp. Bal. Rd.-B

Last (5/27@BNG) 2-4, 2r, k, sb Streak +6 (11-20, 8r, 3d, hr, 4bi, 2bb, hp)

Series 7-15, 5r, d, 2bi, bb, k, hp, 2sb '21 Long Hit 9 (5/7-19)

H-Stand 6-19,3r,2d,hr,3bi,bb '21 Long OBS 18 (5/4-27) - active

'21/Career High: 5/5 H, 1/4 R, 1/3 2B, 1/1 3B, 1/1 HR, 3/4 RBI, 1/2 SB

3-yr MiLB Totals thru '19: 231 g, .319, 7 hr, 96 rbi, 38 sb, .820 ops

- 2020: Spent year at the Alternate Training Site in Lake County...Was 4-for-11 in 6 games during the 2020 MLB Training and Summer Camp...Listed Indians #3 (MLB.com) and #4 (*Baseball America*) and #82 overall (*Baseball America*).
- 2019: Began at Lake County (A), promoted to Lynchburg (A-Adv) at the All-Star Break (6/18)...combined .306 (151-493) with 89 runs, 32 2B, 5 3B, 3 HR, 44 RBI, and 19 SB in 123 games...Entered season as Indians #2 (MLB.com) and #3 (*Baseball America*), while also named "Best Hitter for Average" (*Baseball America*)...Named *MLB.com* Organizational All-Star...Led system in hits and runs and was 3rd in doubles.
- 2018 Named New York-Penn League Midseason All-Star...Led NYPL in batting average (.352), hits (95), doubles (29) and total bases (138), tied for 1st in runs (49).
- Younger brother, Cody, was Texas Rangers' 4th round pick in 2019...Played with Cody for two seasons at Etiwanda High School in Rancho Cucamonga...Tyler was a 2017 *Rawlings-Perfect Game* 1st Team All-American, leading California high schoolers in batting average...Baseline League MVP, leading his team to a 27-3 record and CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) Southern Section Division 2 title...Signed a National Letter of Intent with TCU prior to draft...#97 amateur prospect (*Baseball America*) entering 2017 MLB Draft...Favorite player growing up was Derek Jeter.

**#17 MARCOS GONZÁLEZ IF, R/R Bani, DR**

Twitter: IG: @gonzalez\_0212 2016 FA

Last (5/27@BNG) 0-3, k Streak -1 (0-3, k)

Series: 0-3, k '21 Long Hit 4 (5/14-19)

H-Stand 4-15,r,d,2bi,bb,5k '21 Long OBS 7 (5/14-23)

'21/Career High: 2/4 H, 1/4 R, 1/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 1/2 HR, 1/5 RBI, 0/2 SB

3-yr MiLB Totals thru '19: 102 g, .279, 5 hr, 48 rbi, 21 sb, .748 ops

- 2019: Ranked by MLB.com as No. 28 Indians prospect entering the season...Made his full-season debut with 11 games for Lake County (A)...On injured list April 20-May 2 and May 5 until the end of the season.
- 2018: Played 35 games with AZL Indians (rookie)...Finished 8th in Arizona League in OPS (.855) and tied for 9th in on-base percentage (.397).

**#39 OSCAR GONZÁLEZ OF, R/R San Cristobal, DR**

Twitter: @OscalluisG IG: @o.gonzalez79 2014 FA

Last (5/27@BNG) 1-3, k Streak +1 (1-3, k)

Series 4-11, r, hr, 2bi, 3k '21 Long Hit 4 (5/21-25)

H-Stand 7-20,5r,hr,2bi,bb,k '21 Long OBS 4 (5/21-25)

'21/Career High: 3/4 H, 2/3 R, 1/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 1/2 HR, 3/5 RBI, 0/1 SB

5-yr MiLB Totals thru '19: 405 g, .277, 37 hr, 220 rbi, 17 sb, .721 ops

- 2019: Entered season as No. 22 Indians prospect (*Baseball America*)... Carolina League Mid-Season All-Star...Played 96 games with Lynchburg (A-Adv) before Aug. 1 callup to Akron...left CL as leader in average (.319), hits (123) and total bases (175), ranked 2nd in OPS (.797), 3rd in SLG (.455), 4th in RBI (61), T-5th in doubles (22) and 6th in extra-base hits (33)...Posted hitting streaks of 11, 14 and 12 games in Carolina League.
- 2018: Finished 4th in Midwest League in total bases (201), 5th in hits (135) and 7th in batting average (.292)...also led Lake County in at-bats (462) and doubles (25) and was an MiLB.com Organizational All-Star.
- 2017: NY-Penn League Midseason All-Star: .283, 3 HR, 34 RBI, 55 games
- 2016: Named Arizona League MVP & Postseason All-Star...led AZL with a .566 SLG and tied home run lead (8)...hit .303 with 26 RBI in 40 AZL games.

**#6 ANDRUW MONASTERIO IF, R/R Caracas, Venezuela**

Twitter: @ajmonasterio12 IG: @ajmonasterio16 2018 Trade (WSH)

Last (5/27@BNG) 1-4, d, 2bi Streak +2 (3-8, d, 2bi)

Series 4-14, 2r, 3d, 4bi, bb, 2k, hp '21 Long Hit 3 (5/20-25)

H-Stand 4-10, d, 2r, 5bi, 2bb '21 Long OBS 8 (5/14-27) - active

'21/Career High: 3/4 H, 2/4 R, 2/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/1 HR, 1/4 RBI, 0/2 SB

6-yr MiLB Totals thru '19: 421 g, .256, 7 hr, 123 rbi, 53 sb, .652 ops

- Through 2019, had played 2B (147 G), 3B (41 G), SS (220 G).
- 2019: Was PTBNL (Dec. 17) from Nov. 30, 2018 trade of RHP Jefry Rodriguez and OF Daniel Johnson from Nationals to Indians for C Yan Gomes...Made Akron's Opening Day roster...Missed April 23-June 20 with left oblique strain, homered in his first AB after being activated June 21.
- 2018: Played 108 games with Myrtle Beach (A-Adv) before being traded on Aug. 21 from the Cubs to the Nationals with a PTBNL for 2B Daniel Murphy...Played the final 13 games with Potomac in the Carolina League.
- 2017: Began the season with 26 games for Myrtle Beach (A-Adv) before 58 games with South Bend (A) through the season's end.
- 2014: Signed by the Cubs as a free agent and made his pro debut.

**#12 BO NAYLOR C, L/R Saint Joan of Arc (Mississauga, Ontario)**  
**Twitter: @BoNaylor IG: @bonaylor12 2018 (1st rd, #29)**  
 Last (5/27@BNG) 0-3, 3k **Streak -3 (0-10, bb, 7k)**  
 Series 0-10, bb, 7k **'21 Long Hit 2 (Multiple)**  
 H-Stand 2-15, hr, 2r, bi, 3bb, 5k **'21 Long OBS 4 (5/4-8)**  
**'21/Career High: 2/3 H, 1/3 R, 1/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 1/1 HR, 1/6 RBI, 0/1 SB**  
**2-yr MiLB Totals thru '19: 140 g, .250, 13 hr, 82 rbi, 12 sb, .746 ops**

- **2020:** Spent year at the Alternate Training Site in Lake County...Listed as the fourth-best prospect in the system by MLB Pipeline and fifth by Baseball America, the 42nd-overall in MLB according to The Athletic's Keith Law...Played in July 18 Summer Camp game at Pittsburgh.
- **2019:** at Single-A Lake County, batting .243 with 18 2B, 10 3B, 11 HR and 65 RBI in 107 games...Led the Midwest League in triples and was fifth in RBI, tied for sixth in extra-base hits and eighth in slugging pct...Named the No.3 prospect in Cleveland system by Baseball America and the No. 5 prospect by MLB Pipeline entering the 2019 season...Got better as the season wore on, hitting .251 with 39 RBI and a .764 OPS in the second half (57 G)...Batted .294 (55-for-187) with runners on base.
- **2018:** Named No. 4 prospect in Cleveland Farm System by Baseball America and MLB Pipeline...Ranked as the No. 5 prospect in the Arizona League by Baseball America following the 2018 season.
- **PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Full name NOAH JAMES WASHINGTON NAYLOR...Younger brother of Josh Naylor, who was a first round pick of the Miami Marlins in 2015 and is a current Cleveland outfielder...Bo was a standout high school catcher at St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada and appeared in 7 games with the Ontario Blue Jays this spring (8-for-26, .421, 2 2B, HR, 6RBI), the elite 18U travel team in Ontario, Canada...Also toured Florida as a member of the Canadian Junior National Team during spring training, including games and at-bats against the Major League staffs of the Boston Red Sox and Toronto Blue Jays...Participated in the 2017 High School Home Run Derby during the All-Star Game festivities at Marlins Park...Entered the draft ranked 27th and 20th among amateur draft-eligible prospects according MLB.com and Baseball America, respectively...Also rated the second-best high school hitter entering the draft by BA.

**#9 RICHIE PALACIOS IF, L/R Towson University**  
**Twitter: @Elite\_rich\_1 IG: @richiemille 2018 (3rd round)**  
 Last (5/27@BNG) 1-3, r, bb, k **Streak +5 (7-18, 3r, 4d, bi, 2bb, 3k)**  
 Series 3-9, r, 2d, bi, bb, k **'21 Long Hit 5 (5/22-27) - active**  
 H-Stand 5-17,6r,3d,bi,5bb,5k,cs **'21 Long OBS 12 (5/13-27) - active**  
**'21/Career High: 2/4 H, 2/3 R, 2/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 1/1 HR, 1/2 RBI, 1/2 SB**  
**2-yr MiLB Totals thru '19: 45 g, .361, 6 hr, 30 rbi, 7 sb, .960 ops**

- **2019:** Missed the entire season due to right shoulder surgery...Entered the year as No. 20 Indians prospect (MLB.com)
- **2018:** Made 3-level pro debut (AZL, Mahoning Valley, Lake County)
- Older brother, Josh, is an outfielder who made his MLB debut for Toronto April 9, 2021...They are nephews of former Kansas City Royal Rey Palacios, who played 101 games 1988-90, primarily as catcher, first and third base...Their father Richard reached Triple-A for the Detroit Tigers.

**#22 MIKE RIVERA C, R/R University of Florida**  
**Twitter: IG: @mikerivera4 2017 (6th round)**  
 Last (5/27@BNG) 0-2, r, bb, k **Streak -1 (0-2, r, bb, k)**  
 Series 0-2, r, bb, k **'21 Long Hit 1 (Multiple)**  
 H-Stand 4-8,2r,2d,3bi,bb,k **'21 Long OBS 2 5/23-27) - active**  
**'21/Career High: 1/3 H, 1/3 R, 0/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 1/1 HR, 2/1 RBI, 0/1 SB**  
**3-yr MiLB Totals thru '19: 91 g, .195, 3 hr, 30 rbi, 1 sb, .601 ops**

- **2019 -** Had three separate IL stints with left knee and back injuries.
- **2018 -** Suffered a right anterior thigh infection on April 23, then landed on DL with a right thumb fracture in June that required season-ending surgery.

**#10 JOSH ROLETTE C, L/R Kansas State**  
**Twitter: @j\_rolle10 IG: @JoshRolette 2017 (39th round)**  
 Last (5/27@BNG) 1-3, cs **Streak +1 (1-3)**  
 Series 3-9, r, d, bb, k, cs **'21 Long Hit 2 (5/23-25)**  
 H-Stand 1-11,r,bi,bb,4k **'21 Long OBS 2 (5/23-25)**  
**'21/Career High: 2/3 H, 1/2 R, 1/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/1 HR, 1/3 RBI, 0/1 SB**  
**3-yr MiLB Totals thru '19: 127 g, .219, 5 hr, 49 rbi, 1 sb, .652 ops**

- Through 2019, played 2 games (2018 High-A Lynchburg) above Low-A.
- **2019:** Played 64 games for Lake County (A)...On the IL April 26-June 3 with a left hand fracture.
- **2018:** Made full-season debut with 56 games – and first 4 career home runs – for Lake County (A)...played last 2 games with Lynchburg (A-Adv).
- Earned Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American, All-Big 12 Freshman Team and All-Big 12 Honorable Mention in 2016 with Kansas State.
- Helped Shawnee (OK) High School win its first ever state title in 2015.
- Drafted by the Cardinals in 2015 (18th round) but did not sign.
- Brother-in-law of former Indian and current Nationals catcher Yan Gomes.

**#2 CHRIS ROLLER OF, R/R McLennan (TX) Comm. Coll.**  
**Twitter: @ChrisRoller\_7 IG: @chris\_roller\_vii 2020 Rule 5 (LAD)**  
 Last (5/27@BNG) 0-3, 2k **Streak -2 (0-6, bi, 3k, sf)**  
 Series 0-3, 2k **'21 Long Hit 4 (5/8-14)**  
 R-Trip (@ERI) 3-15, bi, 8k, sf **'21 Long OBS 4 (5/8-14)**  
**'21/Career High: 1/3 H, 1/3 R, 0/2 2B, 0/2 3B, 0/2 HR, 2/4 RBI, 0/3 SB**  
**3-yr MiLB Totals thru '19: 187 g, .255, 14 hr, 82 rbi, 31 sb, .774 ops**

- **2019:** Played his whole season (88 games) with Great Lakes (A)...Tied for second in the Midwest League with 8 triples...Was second on his club with 21 doubles, tied for second with 36 extra-base hits and third in runs (61).
- **2018:** Played 26 games with Ogden (rookie) and 28 with Great Lakes (A).
- **2017:** Drafted by the Dodgers in the 30th round...made his pro debut in Arizona League for 45 games (.181 AVG, 1 HR, 14 RBI).

Hitters	Pinch Hitting	Multi-Hit Games					Multi-RBI Games					Home Runs														
		T	2	3	4	5	Last	T	2	3	4	5	6	Last	T	Solo	2R	3R	GS	Leadoff	Tying	Go-ahead	Walk-off	Last		
W. Benson		3	2	1			5/26@BNG(2)	4	3	1				5/26@BNG(2)	4	2	1	1					1			5/26@BNG
T. Brooks		2	2				5/23vREA(2)	5	2	3				5/25@BNG(2)	3			3					1			5/23vREA
A. Call		4	3	1			5/27-1@BNG(2)	1	1					5/11@ERI(2)	1	1					1					5/27-1@BNG
J. Fermin		4	3	1			5/26@BNG(2)	2	1	1				5/27-2@BNG(2)												
T. Freeman		7	5	1	1		5/27-2@BNG(2)	2	1	1				5/15@ERI(3)	1	1										5/22vREA
M. Gonzalez		2	2				5/19vREA(2)								2	2										5/15@ERI
O. Gonzalez		7	3	4			5/25@BNG(3)	6	4	2				5/25@BNG(2)	6	2	2	2					3	1		5/25@BNG
S. Kwan								1	1					5/5vBNG(2)												
A. Monasterio		3	1	2			5/27-1@BNG(2)	4	3	1				5/27-2@BNG(2)												
B. Naylor		1	1				5/15@ERI(2)	1	1					5/22vREA(2)	1			1								5/22vREA
R. Palacios		5	5				5/23vREA(2)								1	1							1			5/14@ERI
M. Rivera		1			1		5/23vREA(4)	2	1	1				5/23vREA(3)	1		1									5/6vBNG
J. Rolette		1	1				5/25@BNG(2)																			
C. Roller								1	1					5/8vBNG(2)												
<b>Total</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5/27-2@BNG</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5/27-2@BNG(2)</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5/27-1@BNG</b>

**#34 SKYLAR ARIAS** Twitter: @SkylarArias IG: @skylararias  
 LHP: FB, SL, CH vs. 1st Batter: 0-7 (.000), 3k Inherited Runners-Scored: 1-1 (1.000)  
**4-yr MiLB Totals thru '19: 77/1 g/gs, 5-3, 2.54, 4/6 sv, 127.2 ip, 166 k, .202, 1.16 whip**  
**2019:** Midwest League Postseason All-Star...4-1, 1.79 ERA in 34 games (1 start) with 60.1 IP for Lake County (A)...In first professional start, went 3.0 IP, 2 H, 1 ER, 2 BB, 2 K in a no-decision against West Michigan on July 1... Posted a 1.42 ERA over 6.1 IP in 5 games for Lynchburg (A-Adv).  
**2018:** Pitched 15 games (23.1 IP) for Lake County (A)...0-1, 4.63 ERA...Pitched 7 games (11.0 IP) for Mahoning Valley (SS-A), 1.64 ERA...Career-high 6 strikeouts in 3.0 relief IP July 1 vs. State College.  
**2017:** Appeared in 5 games (7.1 IP) pitching to a 1.23 ERA in AZL  
**2016:** Drafted in the 24th round by the Indians out of Tallahassee Community College...Pitched 11 games (19.1 IP) in Arizona League (rookie)...1-1, 3.72 ERA.

**Recent AA Outings (3 scoreless of 7 overall)  
0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
5/27-2	@BNG	0.2	3	2	2	2	1	0	1-1
5/25	@BNG	1.2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0-0
5/21	REA W	1.2	1	0	0	1	2	0	0-0
5/16	@ERI	0.2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0-0
5/15	@ERI	0.1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0-0

**#36 DAKODY CLEMMER** Twitter: IG: @Dakody\_clemmer  
 RHP: FB, SNK, SL vs. 1st Batter: 1-6 (.166), 3k, hb Inherited Runners-Scored: 2-0 (0.0%)  
**4-yr MiLB Totals thru '19: 85/0 g/gs, 7-5, 4.04 ERA, 8/15 sv, 133.2 ip, 124 k, .259, 1.38 whip**  
**2019:** Pitched 9 games (15 IP) for Lake County (A), 0-1, 3.00 ERA, 3/4 save opp...Pitched 28 games (48.1 IP) for Lynchburg (A-Adv), 3-1, 4.47 ERA...Placed on IL July 24-August 2 with right finger blister.  
**2018:** Pitched 13 games (20.1 IP) for Mahoning Valley (SS-A), 2-0, 3/4 save opp., 1.77 ERA...Struck out a career-high 4 batters July 2 vs. State College...Pitched 15 games (28.1 IP) for Lake County (A), 1-2, 3.49 ERA, 1/2 save opp., 28.1 IP...Went a career-long 3.1 relief IP May 18 vs. West Michigan.  
**2017:** Pitched 3 games (0-1, 1 save, 0.00) in AZL.  
**2016:** Drafted in the 19th round following his sophomore year at Central Arizona College...1-0, 7.71 ERA in 18.2 IP (17 games) in AZL...Was suspended for 50 games in 2016 for a violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program...Central Arizona College has produced 18 Major Leaguers, most notably 5x All-Star RHP Doug Jones and 4x All-Star 2B Ian Kinsler...was committed to pitch his junior season at the University of Nevada before signing

**Recent AA Outings (4 scoreless of 6 overall)  
2 straight scoreless outings (4.1 innings)**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
5/27-1	@BNG	2.1	0	0	0	1	4	0	1-0
5/22	REA	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0-0
5/20	REA	0.0	1	2	1	2	0	0	0-0
5/16	@ERI	1.1	2	2	2	3	2	0	0-0
5/13	@ERI	1.1	0	0	0	0	4	0	1-0

**#37 KYLE MARMAN** Twitter: IG: @kylemarman  
 RsHP: vs. 1st Batter: 0-0 (-) Inherited Runners-Scored: 0-0 (0.0%)  
**1-yr MiLB Totals thru '19: 24/0 g/gs, 5-4, 3.33, 1/3 sv, 46.0 ip, 58 k, .200, 1.17 whip**  
**2019:** Made his pro debut with 24 relief appearances for Lake County (Low-A).  
**2018:** Drafted in the 13th round by the Indians out of Florida Atlantic but did not pitch for an affiliate.  
**Amateur:** 6-2 with a 3.19 ERA, 62.0 IP in 28 games (7 starts) over three years at Florida Atlantic, where he was a teammate of Jake Miednik...A season-ending injury limited him to five starts his junior year in 2018, when he had been the Saturday starter after Miednik was the Friday starter...Graduated from Dr. Phillips High School in Orlando, FL.  
**Personal:** Born in Cincinnati...Favorite pro sports team is the Cincinnati Bengals.

**Recent AA Outings (0 scoreless of 0 overall)  
0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc

**#38 JAKE MIEDNIK** Twitter: @JakeMiednik IG: @Jake\_Miednik  
 LHP: FB, CB, CH vs. 1st Batter: 1-4 (.250), 2bb Inherited Runners-Scored: 2-0 (0.0%)  
**2-yr MiLB Totals thru '19: 39/1 g/gs, 3-2, 2.06, 5/6 sv, 56.2 ip, 66 k, .223, 1.11 whip**  
**2019:** Pitched 20 games (31.2 IP) for Lake County (A), 3-1, 4/5 save opp., 2.56 ERA...Placed on the IL from May 7-May 15 with a right shoulder strain and from June 18-July 9 with a left rotator cuff strain...Pitched 3 games (4 IP) in AZL (rookie), 0.00 ERA; and 3 games (2.1 IP) for Mahoning Valley (SS-A), 0.00 ERA on the way back to Lake County...Set a career-high with 5 strikeouts Aug. 28.  
**2018:** Drafted in the 20th round by the Indians out of Florida Atlantic...Pitched 13 games (18.2 IP) for AZL Indians (rookie), 0-1, 1/1 sv opp., 1.93 ERA...Went career-long 3.0 IP in first pro start Aug. 20.  
**Amateur:** 15-5 with a 4.12 ERA, 168.1 IP in 30 games (29 starts) over two years at Florida Atlantic, where he was a teammate of Kyle Marman...Baseball America Preseason Conference USA Pitcher of the Year entering 2018 senior season...Pitched two years at Walters State (TN) Community College...Born in Plattsburgh, NY, attended Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School (Parkland, FL).

**Recent AA Outings (4 scoreless of 6 overall)  
1 straight scoreless outings (2.0 innings)**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
5/23	REA	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0-0
5/19	REA	3.0	2	3	3	1	3	0	0-0
5/15	@ERI W	2.0	0	0	0	1	5	0	2-0
5/12	@ERI	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0-0
5/7	BNG	1.2	1	1	1	3	3	0	0-0

**#45 NICK MIKOLAJCHAK** Twitter: @Nick\_M\_3 IG: @nickmiko21  
 RHP: FB, SL, CB, CH, CT vs. 1st Batter: 2-7 (.285), 3k Inherited Runners-Scored: 5-0 (0.0%)  
**1-yr MiLB Totals thru '19: 17/0 g/gs, 1-1, 0.36, 5/5 sv, 25.0 ip, 36 k, .165, 0.68 whip**  
 First player from 2019 Indians draft class to reach Double-A Akron.  
**2019:** Drafted by the Indians in the 11th round out of Sam Houston State...Pitched 4 games (6.0 IP) for Arizona League Indians (rookie), 0-0, 2/2 save opp., 0.00 ERA...Set a career-high with 6 strikeouts in 2.0 IP June 28 vs. AZL Rangers...Pitched 13 games (19.0 IP) for Mahoning Valley (SS-A), 1-1, 3/3 save opp., 0.47 ERA.  
**Amateur:** 11-14, 3.93 ERA over 167 IP in 77 games (16 starts) in three years at Sam Houston State.

**Recent AA Outings (6 scoreless of 7 overall)  
0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
5/27-1	@BNG L	0.1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
5/25	@BNG S	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0-0
5/21	REA S	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0-0
5/18	REA S	1.2	1	0	0	1	2	0	2-0
5/15	@ERI	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0-0

**#48 JUAN MOTA** Twitter: IG: @J.mota45  
 RHP: FB, SPL, SL vs. First Batter: 3-5 (.600), hr, bb, k Inherited Runners-Scored: 0-0 (-)  
**4-yr MiLB Totals thru '19: 65/59 g/gs, 18-25, 4.65, 0/1 sv, 298 ip, 290 k, .250, 1.38 whip**  
**2019:** Made 15 starts for Lake County (A), 3-6, 5.45 ERA, 67.2 IP...Placed on IL May 17-31 with right finger blister...Career-long 7.0 IP July 1 vs. West Michigan...Made 8 starts for Lynchburg (A-Adv), 3-4, 3.71 ERA, 43.2 IP.  
**2018:** Made 15 starts, led Mahoning Valley (SS-A) with 68.1 IP, finished 2nd with 63 K...4-6, 5.53 ERA.  
**2017:** Led the Arizona League (rookie) with 73 strikeouts in 58.1 IP (11.3 K/9)...also led the team in innings pitched (58.1 IP), ranked 3rd in the AZL...3-5, 4.94 ERA in 8 starts...Struck out a career-high 9 batters on Aug. 13 in a 5-inning no-decision against AZL Reds.  
**2016:** Made 13 starts for Dominican Summer League Indians (rookie), 5-4, 3.15 ERA, 60.0 IP.  
**2015:** Signed as an amateur free agent on July 6, 2015.

**Recent AA Outings (5 scoreless of 6 overall)  
3 straight scoreless outings (4.1 innings)**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
5/26	@BNG S	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0-0
5/22	REA	2.0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0-0
5/18	REA H	1.1	2	0	0	0	3	0	0-0
5/15	@ERI	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0-0
5/12	@ERI	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0-0

# RUBBERDUCKS RELIEVERS

**#46 FRANCISCO PÉREZ** Twitter: [@Fperez46](#) IG: [@Fperez46](#)  
 LHP: FB, CH, SL, CB vs. First Batter: 0-4 (.000), bb, k Inherited Runners-Scored: 4-0 (0.0%)  
**5-yr MiLB Totals thru '19: 74/66 g/gs, 21-18, 3.24, 0/0 sv, 356 ip, 296 k, .228, 1.20 whip**  
**2019:** Pitched 6 games (5 starts) in AZL (rookie), 1-1, 1.47 ERA, 18.1 IP...Made 2 starts for Mahoning Valley (SS-A), 1-0, 1.80 ERA, 10.0 IP...Had three separate IL stints with left elbow injuries.  
**2018:** Made 25 starts for Lake County (A), 8-10, 4.07 ERA...3rd in the Midwest League with 139.1 IP...Pitched 6.1 innings of a 7-inning no hitter vs. West Michigan April 25 (James Karinchak last 0.2 IP).  
**2017:** Led Mahoning Valley (SS-A) with 15 starts...4-3, 3.28 ERA, 74.0 IP.  
**2016:** Led AZL Cleveland in innings (63.2), strikeouts (52) and tied for 1st in wins (5)...3rd-lowest ERA in the organization (2.69)...AZL Postseason All-Star...12 games (7 starts).  
**2015:** Made pro debut with 13 games (12 starts) for DSL Indians...2-2, 2.49 ERA, 50.2 IP.  
**2014:** Signed as a free agent by the Cleveland Indians on December 12, 2014.

Recent AA Outings (6 scoreless of 6 overall) 6 straight scoreless outings (15.0 innings)										
Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc	
5/26	@BNG	W	4.0	1	0	0	0	8	0	0-0
5/21	REA	W	1.1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2-0
5/16	@ERI	W	1.2	1	0	0	2	4	0	2-0
5/13	@ERI	W	3.1	0	0	0	2	5	0	0-0
5/8	BNG	W	1.2	1	0	0	1	3	0	0-0

**#26 AARON PINTO** Twitter: [@\\_Pinner01](#) IG: [@Pinner01](#)  
 RHP: FB, SL, CH vs. First Batter: 2-5 (.400), bb Inherited Runners-Scored: 5-1 (20.0%)  
**2-yr MiLB Totals thru '19: 60/1 g/gs, 9-3, 1.68, 7/10sv, 102 ip, 112 k, .208, 1.01 whip**  
**2019:** Pitched 17 games for Lake County (A), 5-1, 2/3 save opp., 1.14 ERA, 31.2 IP...Pitched 25 games (1 start) for Lynchburg (A-Adv), 1-0, 3/3 save opp., 1.90 ERA, 42.2 IP...In first pro start July 18, went 2.1 scoreless IP vs. Fayetteville.  
**2018:** Drafted in the 24th round by the Indians out of SUNY Stony Brook...Pitched 18 games for Arizona League Indians (rookie), 3-2, 2/4 save opp., 1.95 ERA, 27.2 IP...Went a career-long 3.0 IP for AZL Indians July 1...Struck out a career-high 6 for AZL Indians 1 in a save against AZL Indians 2 on Aug. 12.  
**Amateur:** 13-7 with a 2.72 ERA over 122.1 IP in 68 games (2 starts) in 4 years at SUNY Stony Brook

Recent AA Outings (4 scoreless of 6 overall) 2 straight scoreless outings (6.0 innings)										
Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc	
5/25	@BNG	W	3.0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0-0
5/20	REA	S	3.0	1	0	0	2	4	0	2-0
5/16	@ERI	W	2.2	2	1	1	2	2	1	3-1
5/12	@ERI	W	1.2	1	0	0	0	3	0	0-0
5/7	BNG	W	2.1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0-0

**#30 ALEC WISELY** Twitter: [@ChooseWisely22](#) IG: [@choose\\_wisely22](#)  
 RHP: vs. First Batter: 0-2 (.000) Inherited Runners-Scored: 3-0 (0.0%)  
**1-yr MiLB Totals thru '19: 7/0 g/gs, 1-1, 6.94, 0/0 sv, 11.2 ip, 12 k, .347, 1.97 whip**

Recent AA Outings (0 scoreless of 1 overall) 0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)										
Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc	
5/27-1	@BNG	L	0.2	3	1	1	0	1	0	3-0
5/25	@BNG	W	0.2	3	5	5	2	1	1	0-0

## RUBBERDUCKS 2021 TRANSACTIONS 31 PLAYERS USED (0 REHABS), 17 PITCHERS USED (0 REHABS)

2021 Opening Day Roster (\* returning RubberDuck, *Injured List*, **Cleveland Indians 40-man roster**)  
 P (13): LH Skylar Arias, LH Joey Cantillo, RH Dakody Clemmer, RH Justin Garza, LH Juan Hillman, LH Eli Lingos\*, RH Shane McCarthy, LH Jake Miednik, RH Nick Mikolajchak, RH Juan Mota, LH Francisco Pérez, RH Aaron Pinto, LH Tanner Tully  
 C (3): Bo Naylor, Mike Rivera, Josh Rolette  
 IF (6): Trenton Brooks, Jose Fermín, Tyler Freeman, Marcos González, Richard Palacios  
 OF (5): Will Benson, Alex Call, Oscar González, Steven Kwan, Chris Roller

#	DATE	PLAYER	POS.	FROM	TO	#	DATE	PLAYER	POS.	FROM	TO
1	5/6	Alex Royalty	RHP	Lake County (High-A)	Akron	7	5/25	Alec Wisely	RHP	Extended Spring	Akron
2	5/7	Justin Garza	RHP	Akron	Columbus (Triple-A)	8	5/26	Eric Mock	RHP	Lynchburg (Low-A)	Akron
3	5/7	Thomas Ponticelli	RHP	Lake County (High-A)	Columbus (Triple-A)	9	5/26	Andrew Misiaszek	LHP	Lynchburg (Low-A)	Akron
4	5/8	Joey Cantillo	LHP	Akron	Injured List	10	5/28	Andrew Misiaszek	LHP	Akron	Lynchburg (Low-A)
5	5/8	Steven Kwan	OF	Akron	Injured List	11	5/28	Kyle Marman	RHP	Lake County (High-A)	Akron
6	5/25	Tanner Tully	LHP	Akron	Columbus (Triple-A)						

## RUBBERDUCKS 2021 DAY-BY-DAY

**Record:** Sunday (1-1), Monday (0-0), Tuesday (4-0), Wednesday (2-2), Thursday (2-3), Friday (2-1), Saturday (3-0) **Home Sellouts: 2**  
**Series:** First Half: 2-0-0 Home, 0-1-0 Road, 2-1-0 Overall **Second Half: 0-0-0 Home, 0-0-0 Road, 0-0-0 Overall** **Home Dates Lost: 1**

#	Date	Opp.	Score	W/L	Record	Place	GB/A	Winner	Loser	Save	Time	Att.	Opening/Total(Avg)
1	5/4	BNG	5-4	W	1-0	T-1st	0.0	Mota (1-0)	Zanghi (0-1)		3:11 (0:47)	2,805	#1 / 2,805 (2,805)
2	5/5	BNG	4-1	W	2-0	T-1st	0.0	Pérez (1-0)	Holderman (0-1)		3:06	1,118	#2 / 3,923 (1,962)
3	5/6	BNG	9-2	W	3-0	T-1st	0.0	Tully (1-0)	Tewes (0-1)		3:11	1,177	#3 / 5,100 (1,700)
4	5/7	BNG	8-3	W	4-0	1st	+1.0	Pinto (1-0)	Oller (0-1)		3:15 (1:32)	2,130	#4 / 7,230 (1,808)
5	5/8	BNG	5-1	W	5-0	1st	+1.0	Ponticelli (1-0)	Gilliam (0-1)		2:56	2,600	#5 / 9,830 (1,966)
	5/9	BNG	PPD		5-0	1st	+0.5	<i>Incident Weather - makeup scheduled for May 26 at BNG</i>					Home PPD #1
6	5/11	@ERI	5-0	W	6-0	1st	+0.5	Lingos (1-0)	Payano (1-1)		2:28	1,866	
7	5/12	@ERI	0-4	L	6-1	2nd	-0.5	Rodriguez (1-0)	Hillman (0-1)	Bass (1)	2:22	783	
8	5/13	@ERI	4-6	L	6-2	T-2nd	-1.5	Ladwig (1-1)	Tully (1-1)	Moreno (1)	3:13	1,254	
9	5/14	@ERI	4-6	L	6-3	T-4th	-1.5	De Jesus (1-0)	Ponticelli (1-1)	Martinez (1)	2:36	1,357	
10	5/15	@ERI	9-2	W	7-3	T-3rd	-1.0	Miednik (1-0)	Leiter Jr. (1-1)		3:28	1,844	
11	5/16	@ERI	6-7	L	7-4	T-4th	-2.0	Bass (1-0)	Clemmer (0-1)	Moreno (2)	3:29	1,392	
12	5/18	REA	3-1	W	8-4	T-4th	-1.0	Hillman (1-1)	Eastman (0-2)	Mikolajchak (1)	2:37	1,874	#6 / 11,704 (1,951)
13	5/19	REA	4-8	L	8-5	T-4th	-1.0	Zarbnsky (1-0)	Tully (1-2)		3:08	1,295	#7 / 12,999 (1,857)
14	5/20	REA	5-3	W	9-5	T-3rd	-2.0	Royalty (1-0)	Appel (0-1)	Pinto (1)	3:22	1,969	#8 / 14,968 (1,871)
15	5/21	REA	3-2	W	10-5	T-3rd	-1.5	Arias (1-0)	Hennigan (0-2)	Mikolajchak (2)	2:39	<b>3,586 (S1)</b>	#9 / 18,554 (2,062)
16	5/22	REA	11-0	W	11-5	T-3rd	-1.0	Lingos (2-0)	Morales (0-3)		2:48	<b>3,586 (S2)</b>	#10 / 22,140 (2,214)
17	5/23	REA	13-1	W	12-5	3rd	-1.0	Hillman (2-1)	McArthur (0-2)		2:59	2,735	#11 / 24,875 (2,261)
18	5/25	@BNG	8-7	W	13-5	T-2nd	-0.5	Pinto (2-0)	Dibrell (0-1)	Mikolajchak (3)	3:36	1,169	
19	5/26	BNG	3-1 (7)	W	14-5	T-1st	0.0	Pérez (2-0)	Rennie (0-1)	Mota (1)	2:03	686	Home team @BNG
20	5/27-1	@BNG	2-3 (8)	L	14-6	2nd	-1.0	McIlraith (1-2)	Mikolajchak (0-1)		2:23		Road DH #1
21	5/27-2	@BNG	7-8	L	14-7	T-2nd	-1.5	Mitchell (1-1)	Wisely (0-1)		3:08	1,185	
	5/28	@BNG	PPD		14-7	T-2nd	-1.5	<i>Rain - makeup scheduled for May 29 at BNG</i>					Road PPD #1
	5/29-1	@BNG											
	5/29-2	@BNG											

### Akron Baseball: A Winning Tradition

This is the 32nd season of Double-A baseball in Northeast Ohio, and the 24th in downtown Akron. The franchise began as the **Canton-Akron Indians** in 1989, and then moved to **Canal Park** in Akron as the **Aeros** in 1997, later becoming the **RubberDucks** before the 2014 season. The club has made the Eastern League playoffs 17 times overall, and 11 of the last 18 seasons. The team has captured **five Eastern League titles**—2003, 2005, 2009, 2012 and 2016. Notable alumni of the franchise include Victor Martinez, CC Sabathia, Grady Sizemore, Charles Nagy, Cliff Lee, Jhonny Peralta, Danny Salazar, Jaret Wright, and most recently, Francisco Lindor.